

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

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AMERICA ONLINE, INC.,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. 05-0535
	)	
PRABHU MOHAPATRA, <u>et. al.</u> ,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Pleadings Filed Pro Se on Behalf of Corporate Defendants.

The Court finds that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1654, a corporation may not appear pro se. See Rowland v. Cal. Men's Colony, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993); Prichard v. Lubman, 20 Fed. Appx. 133, 133-34 (4th Cir. 2001) (unpub.). It is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Pleadings Filed Pro Se on Behalf of Corporate Defendants is GRANTED.

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CLAUDE M. HILTON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Alexandria, Virginia  
November 7, 2005